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1. The radar sets held by the Maritime Radio Service for Ships (MORS) were allocated to the Polish Merchant Marine
2. The radar set installed in the S.S. FRYDERYK CHOPIN is of the same make as that in the S.S. CZECH.
3. The M.S. MAZURY was to have a radar set installed when in Southshields shipyard in April 1953. she left the yard without the radar installation, which was to be sent to Poland for setting up in the ship at a later date.
4. When queried at a later date on the subject of the M.S. MAZURY with still no radar apparatus the set allocated to her had been brought to Poland in July or August 1953. Earlier, it was decided that this set would not be installed on the MAZURY but on the NOWA HUTA instead. During unloading operations in Gdynia, the case containing the main installations broke and the apparatus fell to the ground from a considerable height and was so damaged that it could not be used further. Suspecting sabotage, the security authorities conducted an investigation which came to nothing. It was thought that the sides of the case had been intentionally weakened in the hold, and that when the case was picked up, its weight burst the sides and the contents fell out.

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